



**Statistics for June 2021:  
Forced returns from Norway**

**The police forcibly returned 1290 persons in June 2021, 106 of whom were convicted offenders.**

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) is responsible for executing, coordinating and assuring the quality of all returns of foreigners staying illegally in Norway. The respective police districts are responsible for returns following refusal of entry or stay, while the NPIS is responsible for returning asylum seekers and returns under the Dublin procedure or to safe third countries. The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (NDI) is responsible for assisted returns, previously called voluntary returns. Assisted returns are not included in these statistics.

**Compared with 2020:**

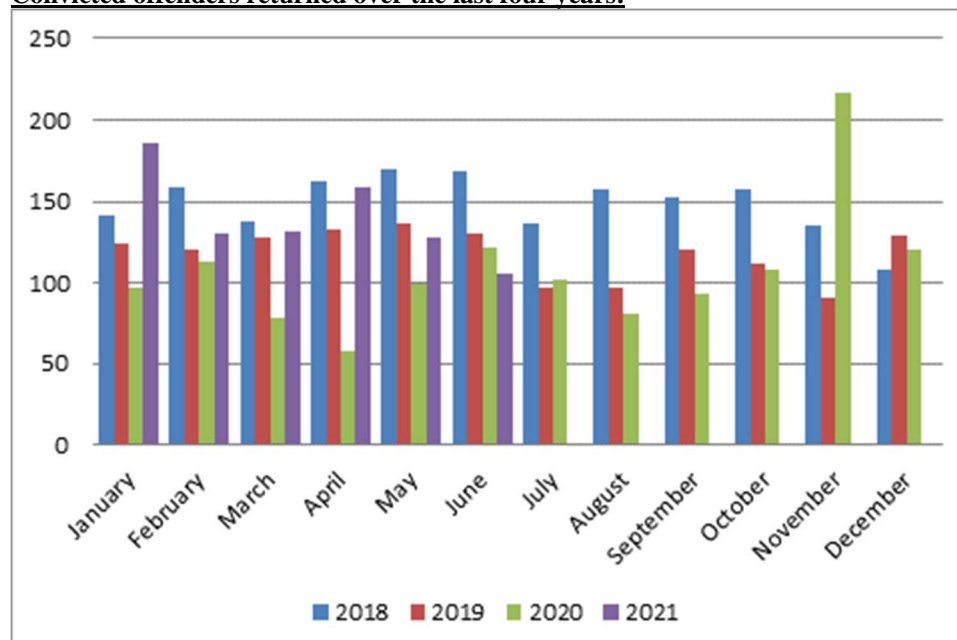
	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 30.06.2020	2516
As at 30.06.2021	7221
Change in percent	<b>187%</b>

*We expect this figure to rise due to delays in the registration process.*

**Convicted offenders**

In June, the police returned 106 convicted offenders, approx. 8% of all returnees that month. So far in 2021, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (21%), Polish (20%) and Lithuanian (14%).

**Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:**



*Convicted offenders returned over the last four years*

## Refusals of entry and stay under the Control of Communicable Diseases Act

Most refusals of entry or stay were pursuant to the temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health. The figures so far in 2021 are as follows:

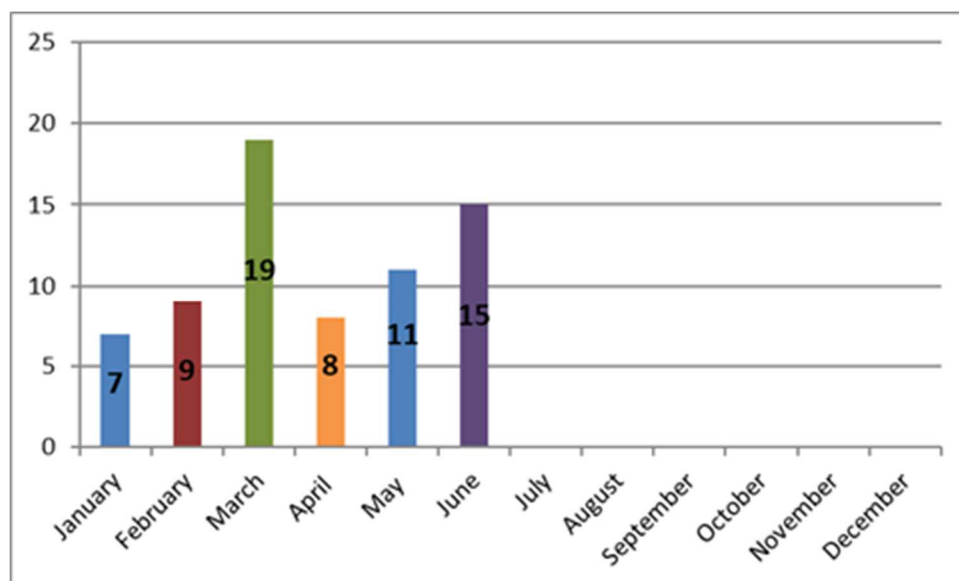
Applicable provision	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health section 2 subs. 3	1311	906	839	1037	1293	1175	6561

## Minors

15 minors were returned in June. Of these, two were unaccompanied minors who were returned to Sweden, one was returned to a safe third country together with a family member, and the remaining twelve were returned together with their parents or guardians.

As a rule, Norwegian authorities do not attempt to verify the age of unaccompanied minors when they are to be returned to another European country under the Dublin III Regulation.

All returned unaccompanied minors must be met by either family members or others who will care for them, e.g. representatives of relevant institutions or the child welfare services in the country in question.



*Returned minors so far in 2021.*

## Forced returns on chartered flights

Two chartered return flights have taken place so far in 2021, one of them in June.

## The various returnee categories

The police return persons who have no legal right to stay in Norway, i.e. not only persons who have had their application for asylum and any appeals rejected.

- 1) **Asylum** – all persons who have applied for protection (asylum) in Norway and who have had their application processed and rejected in Norway and who have exhausted

all avenues of appeal. This category also includes persons subject to an expulsion order.

- 2) **Dublin** – anyone returned under the Dublin Regulation. This also includes persons subject to an expulsion order. The Dublin Regulation applies in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway. The Regulation governs, inter alia, which member state will process any given asylum application. The purpose of the Regulation is to prevent asylum seekers from applying in multiple countries, but also to ensure that one of the countries assumes responsibility for the asylum seeker. The statistics include both returns under the Dublin Regulation and returns to "safe third countries". The latter are cases where the asylum applicant already has a residence permit (refugee status or other form of permit) in a country that is considered safe.
- 3) **Refused entry or stay**– persons who have been refused entry or stay as they are not permitted to stay here. This may be for various reasons, but persons who are refused entry or stay are not banned from Norway after being returned.
- 4) **Expelled** – anyone expelled from Norway who has not applied for protection (asylum) or who is not subject to the Dublin Regulation. Most of those who fall into this category have been expelled due to a criminal conviction and are banned from Norway for a specific period of time. Violation of the re-entry ban is a punishable offence.
- 5) **Other** – persons not covered by any of the other categories.

<b>Returns so far in 2020 by nationality</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry or stay, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	1	3	51	<b>55</b>
Albania	4		27	<b>31</b>
Algeria		2	6	<b>8</b>
Argentina			3	<b>3</b>
Armenia			2	<b>2</b>
Azerbaijan			1	<b>1</b>
Australia			1	<b>1</b>
Bangladesh			7	<b>7</b>
Belgium			13	<b>13</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina			10	<b>10</b>
Brazil			21	<b>21</b>
Bulgaria			143	<b>143</b>
Canada			2	<b>2</b>
Chile			7	<b>7</b>
Colombia	1		5	<b>6</b>
Cuba			3	<b>3</b>
Denmark			159	<b>159</b>
Dominican Republic			1	<b>1</b>
Djibouti			1	<b>1</b>

## Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Ecuador			1	1
Egypt			2	2
El Salvador		4		4
Eritrea		8	32	40
Estonia	1		154	155
Ethiopia	3	1	5	9
The Philippines			10	10
Finland			62	62
France			74	74
The Gambia		1	7	8
Georgia			4	4
Ghana			5	5
Guatemala			2	2
Guinea			1	1
Greece:			38	38
Belarus		1	16	17
India			16	16
Indonesia			1	1
Iraq	1	3	49	53
Iran	1	3	17	21
Ireland			9	9
Iceland			10	10
Israel			5	5
Italy			55	55
Japan	1		1	2
Yemen			1	1
Jordan	1		4	5
Cameroon			5	5
Cape Verde			1	1
Kazakhstan		1		1
Kenya	1			1
China			3	3
Democratic Republic of the Congo		1	3	4
Kosovo	3		8	11
Croatia			132	132
Latvia			359	359
Lebanon			1	1
Liberia		1	1	2
Libya		4	2	6
Lithuania			950	950
Luxembourg			1	1
Malaysia	1			1
Mali		1		1
Malta			2	2

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	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry or stay, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Morocco		2	10	<b>12</b>
Mauritania			1	<b>1</b>
Mexico		1	3	<b>4</b>
Moldova			8	<b>8</b>
Mongolia			1	<b>1</b>
Montenegro	1		1	<b>2</b>
The Netherlands			57	<b>57</b>
Nepal			5	<b>5</b>
Niger		1	1	<b>2</b>
Nigeria			16	<b>16</b>
North Macedonia			7	<b>7</b>
Norway			1	<b>1</b>
Pakistan		3	26	<b>29</b>
Panama			1	<b>1</b>
Peru			4	<b>4</b>
Poland	1		1,525	<b>1,526</b>
Portugal			48	<b>48</b>
Romania			754	<b>754</b>
Russia	7		48	<b>55</b>
Rwanda			1	<b>1</b>
Saint Lucia			1	<b>1</b>
Senegal			1	<b>1</b>
Serbia	2		26	<b>28</b>
Slovakia			46	<b>46</b>
Slovenia			2	<b>2</b>
Somalia	3		43	<b>46</b>
Spain			89	<b>89</b>
Sri Lanka			8	<b>8</b>
Stateless		2	20	<b>22</b>
The United Kingdom	1		137	<b>138</b>
Switzerland			14	<b>14</b>
Sweden			1,107	<b>1,107</b>
Syria		13	80	<b>93</b>
South Africa		1	1	<b>2</b>
South Korea			1	<b>1</b>
South Sudan		1	1	<b>2</b>
Tajikistan			1	<b>1</b>
Thailand			4	<b>4</b>
Czech Republic			33	<b>33</b>
Turkey			26	<b>26</b>
Germany			218	<b>218</b>
Uganda			2	<b>2</b>
Unknown			3	<b>3</b>
Ukraine	2		123	<b>125</b>

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	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry or stay, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Hungary			31	<b>31</b>
United States			42	<b>42</b>
Uzbekistan	4		4	<b>8</b>
Venezuela	1		4	<b>5</b>
Vietnam	1		10	<b>11</b>
Zimbabwe			1	<b>1</b>
Austria			12	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7121</b>	<b>7221</b>

<b>Returns so far in 2021 by destination</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry or stay, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	1		6	<b>7</b>
Albania	4		16	<b>20</b>
Argentina			1	<b>1</b>
Bahrain			1	<b>1</b>
Belgium			4	<b>4</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina			5	<b>5</b>
Brazil			5	<b>5</b>
Bulgaria			54	<b>54</b>
Canada			2	<b>2</b>
Chile			3	<b>3</b>
Colombia	1			<b>1</b>
Cuba			1	<b>1</b>
Denmark		2	402	<b>404</b>
United Arab Emirates			1	<b>1</b>
Djibouti			1	<b>1</b>
Egypt			1	<b>1</b>
Estonia	1		70	<b>71</b>
Ethiopia	3		3	<b>6</b>
The Philippines			3	<b>3</b>
Finland			71	<b>71</b>
France		2	55	<b>57</b>
Faroe Islands			10	<b>10</b>
Georgia			2	<b>2</b>
Ghana			1	<b>1</b>
Greece:		5	29	<b>34</b>
Belarus			3	<b>3</b>

## Returnees so far in 2021 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
India			7	<b>7</b>
Indonesia			1	<b>1</b>
Iraq	1		1	<b>2</b>
Iran	1		3	<b>4</b>
Ireland		1	5	<b>6</b>
Iceland			6	<b>6</b>
Israel			1	<b>1</b>
Italy		19	49	<b>68</b>
Japan	1			<b>1</b>
Jordan	1		2	<b>3</b>
Cape Verde			1	<b>1</b>
Kenya	1			<b>1</b>
China			3	<b>3</b>
Kosovo	3		5	<b>8</b>
Croatia			109	<b>109</b>
Latvia			241	<b>241</b>
Lebanon			1	<b>1</b>
Lithuania			517	<b>517</b>
Luxembourg		1	1	<b>2</b>
Malaysia	1			<b>1</b>
Malta			2	<b>2</b>
Mauritania			1	<b>1</b>
Mexico			1	<b>1</b>
Moldova			3	<b>3</b>
Montenegro	1		1	<b>2</b>
The Netherlands		2	134	<b>136</b>
Nepal			1	<b>1</b>
Nigeria			1	<b>1</b>
North Macedonia			6	<b>6</b>
Pakistan			6	<b>6</b>
Poland	1	1	1,162	<b>1,164</b>
Portugal			27	<b>27</b>
Qatar			1	<b>1</b>
Romania		1	467	<b>468</b>
Russia	7		15	<b>22</b>
Serbia	2		30	<b>32</b>
Slovakia		1	4	<b>5</b>
Somalia	3		3	<b>6</b>
Spain		2	76	<b>78</b>
Sri Lanka			2	<b>2</b>
The United Kingdom	1		122	<b>123</b>

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	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry or stay, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Switzerland			6	<b>6</b>
Sweden		10	2,981	<b>2,991</b>
South Africa			1	<b>1</b>
Thailand			1	<b>1</b>
Czech Republic			16	<b>16</b>
Turkey			38	<b>38</b>
Germany		8	208	<b>216</b>
Ukraine	2		57	<b>59</b>
Hungary			11	<b>11</b>
United States			15	<b>15</b>
Uzbekistan	4			<b>4</b>
Venezuela	1			<b>1</b>
Vietnam	1		5	<b>6</b>
Austria		3	14	<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7121</b>	<b>7221</b>

By destination we mean the country the person is returned to, not necessarily the person's country of origin (or country of nationality).